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Re: SN 09/828,498 entitled "FULL-LENGTH GB VIRUS C (HEPATITIS G VIRUS) RNA TRANSCRIPTS ARE INFECTIOUS IN PRIMARY CD4 POSITIVE T CELLS AND METHODS OF TREATING HIV" by Xiang et al.
Our ref: IOWA:030US/10008943 Client ref: UIRF MO-46

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Please find enclosed the following for filing in the above patent application:

- (1) Response to Office Action Dated June 17, 2003;
- (2) Second Declaration of Jack T. Stapleton, M.D.;
- (3) Submission of Formal Drawings and FIGS. 1-15 on 19 sheets; and
- (4) A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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